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United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery at its fifth session

1 At its fifth session, held in Geneva from 7 to 10 February 2000, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery examined applications for new travel and project grants, the financial situation of the Fund (see annex I) and the implementation of its previous recommendations, approved in 1999 The Board also met with representatives of Governments and with the NGO Terre des Hommes-Switzerland The recommendations adopted by the Board at its fifth session were approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General on 17 February 2000

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Organization of the Board's sessions

2. In principle and provided that enough money is available, the Board should meet every year. Its sixth session is scheduled at the end of January 2001. Considering the important increase in the Board's workload and in the number of documents examined at its fifth session, the sixth session should last at least four days.

3. The Committee on the Rights of the Child will be consulted concerning the possibility of organizing a joint discussion with the Board, at the Committee's first session in 2001, on questions of common interest.

4. The Board recommended that the Bureau of the Commission on Human Rights should continue to give an opportunity to the Chairman or a member of the Board to deliver a brief speech to the Commission under the relevant agenda item in order to introduce the report of the Secretary-General on the Fund and to provide updated information to the Commission on the financial situation of the Fund and activities of the Board.

Review of previous grants

5. The Board reviewed the use of project grants paid in 1999 and heard representatives of Terre des Hommes-Switzerland, the established channel of assistance for the Foyer Maurice Sixto in Haiti (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.2/1999/4, annex II). The Board noted with satisfaction that all beneficiaries had implemented the projects in good faith. The reporting was satisfactory and resources made available had been well spent. The Board recommended releasing a second instalment of US$ 2,500 of the grant approved in 1999 for the Consulting Center for Constitutional Rights and Justice, Nigeria, as the narrative and financial reports on the use of the first instalment had been received and considered satisfactory.

Recommendations for grants

6. At its fifth session, the Board examined 43 new applications for travel grants amounting to approximately US$ 113,059 and 25 new applications for project grants amounting to approximately US$ 552,236.

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/122, the project and travel grants recommended and approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights will assist non-governmental organizations in 17 countries in Africa, America, Asia and Europe. In accordance with the mandate of the Fund, the Board's recommendations focused on assisting representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions, dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery, to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery*, as well as on extending, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

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* The Board took note that the primary focus identified by the Working Group for its twenty-fifth session was bonded labour and debt bondage.

8 The Board recommended that US$ 30,800 be spent for travel grants (see annex II) and US$ 83,500 for project grants (see annex III), for a total amount of US$ 114,300.

New guideline concerning project grants

9 In accordance with a new guideline recommended by the Board, the application forms for project grants for 2001 will indicate that a maximum of US$ 15,000 only can be requested of the Fund.

Fund-raising

10 The Board expressed its appreciation to the Government of Japan for a new pledge announced during the Board's meeting with government representatives on 10 February 2000. The Board also expressed its appreciation to the other Governments which showed interest in the activities of the Fund.

11 The Board thanked the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson, for having sent in 1999 a letter appealing all Governments to contribute to the Fund, as recommended by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1999/46 of 27 April 1999. Upon recommendation by the Board, the High Commissioner agreed to renew this appeal in September 2000, in order to obtain a sufficient amount of money to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate in the year 2001. Taking into consideration that requests received in 2000 amounted to about US$ 700,000, in the Board's views, the Fund would need a minimum amount of US$ 300,000 before January 2001.

Cooperation with the Working Group

12 In accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 1999/18 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the secretariat of the Working Group will invite the members of the Board in a position to do so to participate at the twenty-fifth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, to be held in Geneva from 14 to 23 June 2000.

13 In the selection of applications for travel grants at its sixth session in 2001, the Board will take into consideration the primary focus that the Working Group will identify at its session in June 2000.

Other recommendations

14 The Board encouraged the secretariat of the Fund to further develop cooperation with field offices of United Nations funds, programmes and agencies such as UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP and ILO, as well as the International Organization for Migration.

15. The High Commissioner for Human Rights approved the recommendation that members of the Board visit projects, within their geographical region, for a better evaluation of the work carried out and planned.

16. The High Commissioner for Human Rights agreed with the Board's recommendation that a brochure on the activities of the Fund be prepared, for information and fund raising purposes, in a sufficient number of copies for wide dissemination to interested NGOs and donors.

Annex I

CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE[a] FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE BOARD AS AT 7 FEBRUARY 2000[b]

States	Amount in US$	Paid on	Paid in NY/Geneva	Contribution number
France	16 357	29 04 1999	GE	2nd
Holy See	1 000	30 12 1999	GE	1st
Ireland	26 386	01 12 1999	GE	2nd
Netherlands	34 799	20 01 2000	GE	2nd
Poland	5 000	06 10 1999	GE	1st
Saudi Arabia	10 000	22 07 1999	GE	1st
South Africa	7 589	07 04 1999	GE	2nd

NGOs and individuals	Amount in US$	Paid on	Paid in NY/Geneva	Contribution Number
Students at Instituto Tecnico Commerciale Statal O Romero (Albino, Italy)	528	27 12 1999	GE	3rd
Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights (Tokyo)	671	30 08 1999	GE	1st
Mr Trento Longaretti (Bergamo, Italy)	3 145	08 12 1999	GE	1st
Mr Sadiq M Marafi (Geneva)	993	07 09 1999	GE	2nd
Operazione Terzo Mondo, (Albino, Italy)	1 000	10 06 1999	GE	2nd
Mr Yorio Shiokawa (Aichi-ken, Japan)	336	30 08 1999	GE	2nd
Women's World, Summit Foundation (Geneva)	2 815	22 06 1999	GE	1st
GRAND TOTAL	110 619			

[a] Based on information available at OHCHR

[b] Additional contributions received US$ 53,000 from Japan paid on 15 February 2000 and US$ 25,000 from Kuwait (The official receipt vouchers are not yet available)

Annex II

CHART OF TRAVEL GRANTS[a] RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY (14-23 June 2000)

Application No	Organization	Name of representative	Theme to be discussed in the Working Group
1	Gharib Nawaz Mahila Avam Bal Kalyan Samiti, India	Shagufta Khan (f)	Economic exploitation the situation of children in the "Dargah Area"
2	Bhartiya Patita Uddhar Sabha, India	Khairati Lal Bhola (m)	Sexual exploitation situation of sex workers and their children
5	"Lara Bijeljina", Bosnia and Herzegovina (Rep. Srpska)	Radmila Zigic (f)	Sexual exploitation and trade of girls
10	Bonded Labour Liberation Front AP Chapter, India	Vithalrao Arya (m)	Economic exploitation debt bondage and child bondage
32	"	Madigattla Sayanna (m)	Economic exploitation Experience as a bonded labourer
41	Association Timidria, Niger	Ghalass Zinabou (f)	Economic and sexual exploitation of children and women
12	"	Aichatou Mohmane (f)	Economic and sexual exploitation of children and women

[a] A lump sum grant including air ticket, per diem (5 days), airport and visa taxes as well as other local travel costs

19	Sahyog India	Amar Saran (m)	Economic exploitation debt bondage of members of the Kol tribes who work in the stone and silica sand quarries in Shankargarh
20	Women of 90th Russian Federation	Larissa Vasilyeva (f)	Sexual trafficking in the Chelyabinsk area
21	Vimukti Trust, India	Kiran Kamal Prasad (m)	Economic exploitation implementation of the provisions of the Bonded Labour System Abolition Act of 1976
31	"	Venkatesh Kattiappa (m)	Economic exploitation experience as a bonded labourer since the age of 10 and assistance provided by the NGO for his rehabilitation
33 (a)	Foyer "Maurice Sixto", Haiti	J Miguel Jean-Baptiste (m)	Economic exploitation child domestic workers ("restaveks")
33 (b)	"	A former "restavek"	
34	All India Women's Conference, (Haryana Chapter), India	Shashi Yadav (f)	Sexual exploitation problems of girl children and women
36	Saghan Kshetra Vikas Samiti, Sewapuri-Varanasi, India	Singh, C D Chatradhari (m)	Economic exploitation experience as a former bonded labourer and, at present, project officer of the organization

39	Institute of Development Education, Action and Studies (IDEAS), India	Savarimuthu Arockiam (m)	Economic exploitation debt bondage and rehabilitation of freed labourers
40	Special Task Force on Sindh, Pakistan	Nasreen Shakil Pathan (f)	Economic exploitation debt bondage and forced marriage
Total 17 grants			

Annex III

CHART OF PROJECT GRANTS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD

Application No	Organization	Title of project or aspect covered	Grant in US$
		AFRICA	
1	Defence for Children International, Ghana	Socio-legal assistance to illegally adopted children and child domestic labourers	8 000
2	Bureau International Catholique de l'enfance (BICE-Germany/BICE Togo) (International Catholic Office of children)	Support to the street-porters of Lomé (child labour)	10,000
9	Bureau international catholique de l'enfance (BICE-Germany/BICE Ivory Coast) (International Catholic Child Bureau)	Assistance to girl domestic servants in Abidjan, Ivory Coast	10 000
		AMERICA	
3	Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), United States	Community Care Network for Trafficked Persons	3 000
4	Coalición contra el tráfico de Mujeres (Coalition against trafficking in women), Venezuela	Prostitution of women and children, sexual travel, pornography, local and international traffic of women and children Direct assistance to women and children in prostitution	4 000

15	Bureau International Catholique de l'enfance (BICE), Belgium (International Catholic Child Bureau/Centro de Referencia, Estudos e Ações sobre Crianças e Adolescentes (CECRIA) (Centre for reference, studies and action concerning children and adolescents), Brazil	Projeto de Investigação e Atenção ao Fenômeno da Exploração Sexual Comercial de Adolescentes (Project of investigation and assistance relating to the phenomenon of sexual commercial exploitation of adolescents) (sexual exploitation)	5 000
22	Bureau international catholique de l'enfance (BICE), Belgium (International Catholic Child Bureau/Asociación Callescuela, (Callescuela Association) Paraguay	Prevention of sexual exploitation of children workers	2 000
23	Bureau International Catholique de l'enfance (BICE), Belgium International Catholic Child Bureau)/La Vicaria de Pastoral Social (The Archdiocese of Santiago), Chile	Community project for child workers	3 000
24	Bureau international catholique de l'enfance (BICE), Belgium (International Catholic Child Bureau/Colectivo Pro Derechos Humanos - Ecuador (Pro-DH), Ecuador (Collective for Human Rights)	Project of investigation of the "sexual exploitation of children in Ecuador"	2 000
	ASIA		
17	Ain O Unnayan Sangstha (AOUS), Bangladesh	Helpline for distressed children in need (child labour and sexual exploitation)	6 000
8	The Cambodian Center for the Protection of Children's Rights (CCPCR), Cambodia	Investigation and rescue of victims from trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation	4 000

5	Development and Education for Workers (DEW), India	Release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers	5 000
6	The Children Emancipation Society (CES), India	Project Mala. Abusive child labour in the carpet industry	7 000
		EUROPE	
12	Women of the 90th, Russian Federation	Project "Angel Coalition". International sexual trafficking	2 000
13	Association "Zena BIH" ("Woman of B & H"), Bosnia and Herzegovina	"Stop trafficking". Trafficking of women and children	5 000
18	Ural Centre for support of NGOs, Russian Federation	Ural Centre against violence and trafficking in human beings	2 500
19	"Lara Bijeljina", Bosnia and Herzegovina	Stop trafficking	5 000
Total 17 grants			83 500